REMARKS

The *Response* filed on December 20, 2004 and received by the USPTO on December 23, 2004 was found to be non-compliant. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(h), the "Amendments to the Claims" section is re-submitted herewith and includes a complete listing of all of the claims in this application. In addition, the status identifier of claim 8 is included to read "New."

No fees are believed payable with this communication. Nevertheless, should the Examiner consider any fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it would help expedite matters.

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